

Claims

1. A method of preparing a pharmaceutical composition comprising (a) comminuting rhizomes of *Fagopyrum*
5 *dibotrys*; (b) extracting the comminuted material with a solvent comprising a C₁-C₄ alcohol to produce a liquid extract; and (c) removing solvent from the liquid extract to produce a dried or concentrated material; and
10 optionally (d) fractionating the dried or concentrated material.
2. A method according to claim 1 wherein the solvent comprises ethanol.
- 15 3. A method according to claim 1 or claim 2 wherein an excipient is added to the liquid extract and step (c) comprises drying under reduced pressure to produce a dry material.
- 20 4. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a composition as prepared by the method of any preceding claim.
5. A composition according to claim 4 for the treatment
25 or prevention of cancer.

6. A composition according to claim 4 for the treatment of a disease associated with inflammation.
- 5 7. Use of a composition as prepared by the method of any of claims 1-3 in the manufacture of a composition for treatment or prevention of cancer.
8. Use according to claim 7 wherein the cancer is
10 breast cancer.
9. Use according to claim 7 wherein the cancer is lung cancer.
- 15 10. Use according to claim 7 wherein the cancer is liver cancer.
11. Use according to claim 7 wherein the cancer is melanoma.
- 20 12. Use of a composition as prepared by the method of any of claims 1-3 in the manufacture of a composition for treatment or prevention of a disease associated with inflammation.

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13. A method of treating a patient suffering from or at
risk of cancer comprising the administration of a
composition as prepared by the method of any of claims 1-
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14. A method of treating a patient suffering from a
disease associated with inflammation comprising the
administration of a composition as prepared by the method
10 of any of claims 1-3.

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